

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Francis Luc Mathilda ARTS, et al.

Attorney Docket Q63668

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Filed: April 10, 2001

For: CONNECTION CONTROL MODULE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification is changed as follows:

Page 1, after the title, insert the heading

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

after line 28, insert the heading

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 3, after line 29, insert the heading

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

Page 4, line 5, insert the heading

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

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IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please delete the present Abstract of the Disclosure and replace it with the following
new Abstract of the Disclosure.

ABSTRACT

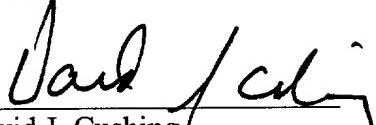
A connection control module of a switching node in a telecommunications network, and adapted to communicate to a service control module of the switching node is further adapted to communicate to at least one other connection control module of the switching node. This approach enables the establishment of connections at the physical level by linking half-call connections at this level.

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REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

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IN THE ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE:

The abstract is changed as follows:

ABSTRACT

CONNECTION CONTROL MODULE

A connection control module of a switching node in a telecommunications network, and adapted to communicate to a service control module of saidthe switching node is further adapted to communicate to at least one other connection control module of saidthe switching node. This